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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)
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For: **LENS POSITION DETECTING)
DEVICE, LENS BARREL, AND)
IMAGE CAPTURING DEVICE**

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Sir:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

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1. JP 2002-169073 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.

2. JP 11-149030- The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.
3. JP 2881959- The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application. This document corresponds to U.S. 5,200,776.
4. JP 2002-296480 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

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5. JP 2-140410
6. JP 5-181048 - This document corresponds to US. 5,345,290.
7. JP 2000-2559
8. JP 8-248297
9. JP 2000-241694
10. JP 10-225083

An English-language abstract of documents 1, 2, 4 and 6-10 is enclosed.

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